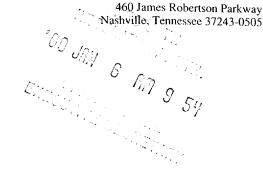
## TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Melvin Malone, Chairman Lvnn Greer, Director Sara Kyle, Director



January 3, 2000

EllenAnn G. Sands Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard. LLC 3500 North Causeway Boulevard **Suite 1442** Metairie, Louisiana 70002



Re:

Application by International Exchange Communications, Inc. (IE COM) and Advantage Telecommunications Corp. (Advantage) for Approval of Asset Purchase Agreement (Docket #99-00986) and Application by IE COM and North American Telephone Network, LLC (NATN) for Approval of Asset Transfer Agreement (Docket #99-00991)

Dear Ms. Sands,

The Authority staff has reviewed this petition, in which IE COM proposes to purchase the assets of Advantage and receive in transfer the assets of NATN. Based on Tennessee Attorney General Opinion No. 99-119, and because IE COM, Advantage and NATN are all telecommunications providers with multi-state operations or certificates of authority. Authority approval of the proposed transactions is not required.

We do require notification of such transactions, and we appreciate your informing the Authority of this matter. Your notification to current customers of Advantage and NATN (Exhibit C in both referenced Applications) provides adequate information to Tennessee customers who will be affected. Should Advantage or NATN seek to cancel or withdraw their Tennessee certificates, separate notification is required.

Again, thank you for informing the Authority of this matter. Please address any other questions to Rosie Gregory at (615) 741-2904 ext. 156.

Sincerely,

K. David Waddell **Executive Secretary** 

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